## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims are 26-39. By this Preliminary Amendment, the cross-reference to related applications has been inserted on page 1, the specification has been amended to correct clerical errors and to add an Abstract, claims 1-25 have been canceled, claims 26-39 have been added. Claims 26-39 are directed to the ringshaped filter insert per se and contain one or more features recited in the claims in the parent case which are directed to the combination of the ring-shaped filter insert and liquid filter.

It is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that this case be passed to issue.

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